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Naples, April 5.

THE Viceroy of *Sicily*, and the Duke of *Bournonville*, General of the Forces of that Kingdom, who repaired to *Messina* immediately after the *French* had abandoned it, to restore things into its former Channel, continue still there, having published a Placaet, by which a years time is allowed to all persons who have fled from their Countrey, to return, with an assurance in the Kings name, of a free Pardon for all that is past, and that they shall enjoy their Goods and Estates with the same freedom, as if nothing had hapned. But as for the Forts which were raised by the *French*, they are, for the future, to be guarded by such *Spanish* Troops, as the Viceroy shall appoint. The Regiment of *Don Marino Caraffa* is at present at *Messina*, but strict Orders are given to the Soldiers not to molest any of the Burghers, and to prevent all ill Accidents, they are not to be abroad after such an hour in the evening. The two *Italian* Regiments which our Viceroy had designed to send to *Sicily*, are now ordered to be transported to *Barcelona*, to reinforce the Kings Army in *Catalonia*, and the Vessels that are to carry them, are preparing.

Milan, April 13. We are at present without any apprehensions of War in this Countrey, the Dutchess Regent of *Savoy* having, as is said, absolutely refused to contribute in any manner to the bringing the War into *Italy*, and since we had the news of the *French* having abandoned *Sicily*, several Troops that were designed thither, will be sent to *Catalonia*, to serve in the Kings Army on that side this Summer.

Venice, April 22. From *Messina* we have Letters, which give us an account of the arrival there of the Viceroy of *Sicily*; that he had caused two Jurats, such of whose fidelity and affection to the Crown of *Spain* he was most certain, to be chosen, had in like manner disposed of all Offices and Places of Trust; that he had caused a general Pardon to be published to all persons that have quitted their Countrey, and retired with the *French*, provided they return within a year; that several persons who had fled, finding that none were molested for what was past, were come back thither; and that it was discoursed, as if his Excellency intended to demolish some of those Forts, which had been raised by the *French* for the awing that City. Several of the *Messineses* that fled hither, are likewise preparing to return home with the first opportunity. The Senate hath made choice of Cavalier *Sagredo*, to go in quality of their Ambassador to *Constantinople*, their Ambassador at present there having desired leave to return home. From *Bologna* we have an account of the death of Cardinal *Bonaccorsi*.

Vienna, April 24. We are told that the Emperor, for the putting an end to the troubles of *Hungary*, hath granted to the States of that Kingdom, at present assembled, to choose a Palatine, who is to have the Government of that Countrey, upon condition that that Kingdom do raise a yearly Sum, under the name of a voluntary Contribution, to be employed for the defence and security of the same; which concession of his Imperial Majesty, who besides seems disposed to whatever may contribute to the re-establishing the Peace of that Countrey, gives us great hopes that we shall suddenly see matters fairly accommodated. The 28 instant their Imperial Majesties go to *Luxemburg*.

Ratisbonne, April 26. The Dyet having taken notice, that in several places of the Empire, there is still money wanting both in weight and fineness coined, notwithstanding the Emperor's Edict, published the last year, have desired the Bishop of *Aichstadt*, the Emperors Commissioner, that seeing the present War, and difficulties of the time, do not suffer a perfect regulation to be made for the calling in all bad money, and reducing it to a certain value, yet that in the mean time care may be taken, that the Emperors Edict abovementioned, may be sent to the several Circles, and strictly observed, for the preventing the Coining of any bad money for the future. Letters from *Vienna* of the 14 instant, make mention, that a marriage was proposed between the Elector of *Bavaria*, and the Archdutchess *Mariana*, the Emperor's Sister; and that if that succeeded, the Prince of *Neuburg* should marry the Princess of *Bavaria*; that the Duke of *Neuburg* was expected there the 27 instant, and that it was believed his Highness would continue there some time.

Francfort, April 26. From *Eslingen* we have an account, that the Duke of *Lorrain* hath held there a Council of War, with all the general Officers of the Army, to take the resolutions necessary for the opening the Campagne; that a Body of 16000 men will Rendezvous the beginning of the next month, between *Offenburg* and *Hoebberg*, being intended, as is thought, for the Siege of *Friburg*, which the *French* have strongly fortified, and put a very good Garison into it. Considerable Recruits arrive daily at *Brisac*.

Ditto, April 28. The *Munster* Troops, which have had their Winter-quarters in these Parts, being now upon the point of quitting the same, have forced the places where they were quartered, to furnish them with shoes, stockings, shirts, and other necessaries; and besides this, demand a Sum of money, which the poor People will be obliged to pay, before they get rid of them. The Imperial Army is to Rendezvous near *Offenburg*, the 4th of the next month. The Duke of *Lorrain* is still at *Eslingen*, where he hath been for several dayes past in the hands of the Chyrurgions, to finish the Cure of his Foot, which he hurt the last year in a Fall at *Philipsburg*. From *Vienna* they write, that People there had great hopes to see the Affairs of *Hungary* setled, so as to compose all the divisions that have for some years past afflicted that Country, the Emperor having restored the States of that Kingdom to the priviledge of electing a Palatine, and permit-